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1. UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM VISIT. NEWSOM HAS OFFERED TO STOP IN AN EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRY WHEN HE GOES TO MADRID OCTOBER 4-5 FOR A NARCOTICS CONFERENCE. HE COULD ARRIVE IN WARSAW FROM BONN ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, AND LEAVE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10. HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE POLISH OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT, ALL ASPECTS OF AFRICA, SOUTH ASIA AND SAUDI ARABIA, AND ANY BILATERAL ISSUES WE WOULD WANT HIM TO RAISE. WE WOULD ALSO PREPARE TALKING POINTS ON US-SOVIET RELATIONS.

2. WE ARE INCLINED TO RECOMMEND A STOP IN POLAND. IT WOULD DEMONSTRATE OUR INTEREST IN A HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES. IT MIGHT ALSO SERVE TO COMPENSATE SOMEWHAT FOR OUR INABILITY TO SCHEDULE A SUBSTANTIVE
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MEETING FOR WOJTASZEK WITH THE SECRETARY (FYI: A SHORT, 15-MINUTE MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED IN NEW YORK FOR SEPTEMBER 27. THIS IS STILL TENTATIVE, SO WE CANNOT YET INFORM THE POLES. YOU WILL GET AN OPEN-CHANNEL MESSAGE SOON.) WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS WITH NEWSOM'S STAFF AND THEY ARE AGREEABLE.

3. ASSUMING THE AMBASSADOR AGREES IN PRINCIPLE, WE WOULD WANT TO ARRANGE THE VISIT TO POLAND ONLY IF HE COULD BE THERE, BUT WE ARE NOT SURE OF HIS TRAVEL PLANS EXCEPT THAT HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FOR THE OCTOBER 5 "POLISH AMERICAN DAY." PLEASE CHECK THIS WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND LET US KNOW. IF HE AGREES AND CAN BE ON HAND, WE WOULD RECOMMEND NEWSOM STOP IN POLAND.

4. "POLISH AMERICAN DAY" CONFERENCE. WE ARE CONSIDERING POSSIBLE SPEAKERS FOR THE LUNCHEON TO BE HOSTED BY THE POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS. THE TOPIC WOULD BE CURRENT EVENTS IN POLAND. WE PREFER A NON-CONTROVERSIAL SPEAKER, WHO WOULD PRESENT AN OBJECTIVE, AUTHORITATIVE VIEW, AND- WE ARE CONSIDERING ASKING DICK DAVIES TO DO THE HONORS. OTHER POSSIBILITIES ARE PETER OSNOS AND TAD SZULC. THE POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS HAD EARLIER PROPOSED PROFESSOR JAN GROSS OF YALE, BUT WE FEEL HE IS TOO CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE DISSIDENT MOVEMENT IN POLAND. WE HAD ALSO CONSIDERED PROFESSOR WILLIAM GRIFFITH OF MIT, BUT WE FEEL HE MIGHT BE TOO CONTROVERSIAL. GENERALLY, WE ARE RELUCTANT TO TURN TO AN ACADEMIC FOR THAT REASON.

5. AT ANY RATE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON THIS AND THOSE OF THE AMBASSADOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. INS SPECIAL LITIGATION CHIEF MARTIN MENDELSON'S TRIP.
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HE CALLED US THE OTHER DAY TO PROVIDE A READ-OUT. THE TRIP WAS OBVIOUSLY A SUCCESS FROM HIS STANDPOINT, AND HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE. MENDELSON SAID HE GOT FIRM ASSURANCES OF COOPERATION FROM THE POLES. HE PLANS TO SUBMIT SPECIFIC REQUESTS TO THEM THROUGH EMBASSY WARSAW SOON. MENDELSON OBSERVED THAT THE POLES WERE THE MOST FRIENDLY AND FORTHCOMING OF THE PEOPLE HE DEALT WITH--RUSSIANS AND YUGOSLAVS WERE THE OTHER OTHERS.

7. FINALLY, MENDELSON SAID DR. PILICHOWSKI HAD VERY TENTATIVELY SOUNDED HIM OUT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INVITATION FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE POLISH JUSTICE MINISTER TO VISIT. MENDELSON SAID HE THINKS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WOULD GO EITHER WAY. MENDELSON SEES SOME ADVANTAGES IN SUCH A VISIT FROM THE STANDPOINT OF ADDING MOMENTUM TO COOPERATION ON WAR CRIMES AND POSSIBLY OTHER AREAS. HE CONCEDES, HOWEVER, THAT THERE MIGHT BE POLITICAL REASONS FOR DISCOURAGING THIS. IT OCCURS TO US THAT NOW IS NOT THE BEST TIME TO INVITE A POLISH JUSTICE MINISTER IN THAT THERE ARE CLEAR HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS CURRENTLY AT ISSUE IN POLAND. WHAT ARE

EMBASSY'S VIEWS?

8. TOURIST COMPLAINT. WE HAVE HAD A FOLLOW-UP INQUIRY FROM CONGRESSWOMAN HOLT'S OFFICE ABOUT THE COMPLAINT FROM MRS. IRENE B. CRANE (COPY OF OUR JULY 5 LETTER POUCHED TO EMBASSY). HAS THERE BEEN ANY RESPONSE FROM THE POLES ON THIS?

8. KRAKOW CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. THANKS FOR YOUR PITHY RESPONSE. WE WILL INCORPORATE THE POINT ABOUT THE NEED FOR A DISCUSSION WITH AID ABOUT THE FUTURE INTO OUR MEMO AND SEND IT FORWARD. INCIDENTALLY, THE AID OFFICER WE CONTACTED INFORMALLY ABOUT THIS THOUGHT IT AN EXCELLENT AND NECESSARY MOVE AND IS TALKING ABOUT ARRANGING A MEET-CONFIDENTIAL

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ING IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO. INDEPENDENTLY, JOHN WALSH OF PROJECT HOPE HAS ASKED FOR A MEETING WITH THE DESK OFFICER FOR A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE PROJECT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING AN OPEN-CHANNEL MESSAGE CONVEYING THE PROPOSAL FOR A JOINT LOOK WITH AID AT WHAT LIES AHEAD (PARA 1 OF WARSAW 7765). THIS WOULD REINFORCE THE POINT WE WILL MAKE IN OUR MEMO TO AID.

9. CALIFANO VISIT. YOU SHOULD SOON HAVE AN OPEN-CHANNEL MESSAGE INSTRUCTING YOU TO CONFIRM WITH THE POLES THE NOVEMBER DATES PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED.

10. MORE ON POLISH AMERICAN DAY CONFERENCE. WE WILL DISCUSS WITH BILL LUERS YOUR POINTS ABOUT BRIEFING SPASOWSKI AND THE NEED TO AVOID APPEARING TO BE A CONDUIT TO THE GOP.

11. THE PANELS WILL MEET SEPARATELY AT THE TIME INDICATED IN THE AGENDA POUCHED TO YOU. THEY WILL REPORT TO THE FINAL PLENARY SESSION IN THE AFTERNOON. ALTHOUGH THE ROSTER IS NOT COMPLETE, WE EXPECT PARTICIPATION FROM COMMERCE, EXIM, AGRICULTURE, INS, THE CSCE COMMISSION, NSC, USICA, VOA, BIB, AND POSSIBLY NSF. STATE PARTICIPATION WILL INCLUDE, BESIDES EUR, THE VISA OFFICE, HA, L, PA, AND OTHERS. GEORGE VEST HAS AGREED TO CHAIR THE PROCEEDINGS AND TO BE ON HAND ALL DAY. CHRISTOPHER

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